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FDIC San Francisco Regional Office Director John F. Carter 25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square Suite 2300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Wal-Mart Application For Deposit Insurance

Dear Director Carter,

This letter is to express my opposition to Wal- Mart's Application for FDIC Insurance. Mixing Banking with Commerce is not a good policy and creates conflicts of interest that are not good for business and consequently not good for the public at large. Congress wisely reaffirmed the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to show its opposition to mixing of Banking and Commerce.

Wal-Mart, with it's vast resources and huge buying power has de-stabilized the economies of many small and mid-sized communities driving out many small businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, and others. Wal-Mart has created a near monopoly in retail sales and they can do the same thing with community banking and when they do have a monolopy they will take advantage of the customers they say they can serve better. . Community Banks and Community Bankers that live and die in their communities have a much greater vested interest in their communities than some nation wide retail store that transfers all of it's profits and makes it's decisions in Arkansas

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